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SPECIALS THIS WEEK

AT

DeValinger's Cash Store

TOWNSEND, DEL.

5c Bar Naptha Soap - -	3c
25c Oil Cloth Window Shades - -	19c
Ladies' 25c Lisle Thread Hose	2 pr. 25c
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$2.00 and $2.50 Leather Fly nets cut to	$1.39
$2.00 and $2.25 Work Collars cut to	50c
Men's 25c Rib-nit Gauze Underwear	19c
Men's 50c Dress Shirts cut to -	39c
Ladies' 10c Underwaists cut to - -	5c
30c Dress Linen (blue and linen color)	18c yd
Ladies' $2.50 Gun Metal Oxford Ties	$1.63
Men's $2.50 Tan Ties cut to -	$1.59
Boys' $2.50 Tan Ties cut to -	$1.48
Best Dried Peaches cut to -	8c lb
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GAMBLING AT AUGUSTINE PARK

Claimed There Were a Large Number of Various Kinds of Games Going on

Information was filed Monday in the office of Attorney-General Andrew C. Gray, in Wilmington, regarding a gang of alleged crooks that infests the vicinity of Augustine Park every Sunday and conduct there all kinds of gambling games, and the members of which band fleece and rob all the innocent victims they can inveigle into their clutches. It is expected the matter will be investigated by the state's attorney.

The complainant was John G. Schmitt of No. 4159 North Race street, Philadelphia. He was one of several who had been made victims by the crooks last Sunday. Schmitt was one of a number of excursionists that came down from Philadelphia and intended to spend the day at the resort.

He said he went ashore and while walking about discovered groups of men about. Upon investigating, he found crap games, card games and in fact every form of gambling, almost, that is known. He said all the games were well patronized and young and old men were mingling with one another and placing their money.

He said he did not participate, but stood for a few minutes and watched some of them. Later he discovered that a valuable gold watch he carried had been stolen from him. Some light fingered pickpocket had been operating in the crowd and had secured his timepiece. Schmitt said when he went aboard the boat again he found many of his friends who had had their pockets picked. Some had lost their watches and all their money as well. Others who had been in the gambling games had had all their money taken from them, and while they were gambling, pickpockets had stolen their watches, stick pins and other exposed jewelry.

PEARLS OF THOUGHT

The social lion is generally pretty tame.

Heated discussions make cool friends.

A brute is merely a man who refuses to flatter a woman.

The sinner is known by his deeds, the saint by his creeds!

The egotist uses the capital I, but he isn't always capitalized.

The best of plans fall out, and the best of friends get married.

A man can't help feeling restless when even his bills are unsettled.

Breezy conversation is generally tinctured with the breath of scandal.

Success never comes to the man who is afraid of doing more than his share.

At any rate it is better to burn your bridges behind you than in front of you.

Some things are better left unsaid. A breach of promise suit demonstrates this.

Some people are as tiresome with their airs as an overworked phonograph.

Fear will cause a woman to change color, but a little rouge will do the trick just as well.

To love our enemies as we love ourselves it is only necessary to be our own worst enemies.

We are told that a man is made of dust, but dust settles, which is more than can be said of some men.

The difference between work and play is a good bit like the difference between a wheelbarrow and an automobile.

The man who throws a banana skin on the sidewalk is to be condemned almost as much as the banana skin that throws a man in the same place.

KILLED LOOKING FOR SON

ELKTON, MD., June 28th.—Searching for his grandson, who wandered away from home yesterday afternoon resulted in the death of Hugh W. Thompson, a farmer of Elk Neck, while another grandson accompanying Mr. Thompson received a broken arm in a runaway accident.

Paul Homes, 4 years old, had been missing several hours. Mr. Thompson decided to take a team and search along the road. While turning out of the farm lane the horse became frightened, started to run, and the wagon struck a post, upsetting the vehicle. Mr. Thompson's neck was broken.

The lost boy was found about an hour after the accident four miles from home.

Birth Color

Do you know your birth color? It's said to be the most becoming color that you can wear. Many are sufficiently interested in the classic cults to have the zodiac signs belonging to their responsive birth months engraved or embroidered on many of their belongings. The idea has found favor among society women, and they will adhere to it, no doubt. Each sign is in the "astral color" belonging to the month. January calls for green, February pink, March purple, April red, May blue, June green, July red, August violet, September blue, October brown, November gold and December gray.

WILL TRY FOR PRIZES

Delaware apple growers are this week receiving invitations to exhibit some of their Delaware prize box apples at the second National Apple Show, to be held at Spokane, December 6th to 11th. Prizes and premiums worth $35,000 will be offered, and some of Delaware's apple kings are "going after" them. The premiums include tracts of irrigated and non-irrigated lands, $25,000 in cash, choice trees, gold and silver cups, medals of special design, ribbons and diplomas.

SHOCK COTTAGE

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WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 26th, 1909.

THE corporation tax amendment has at last been reported to the Senate by Senator Aldrich, and the present outlook is that it will be impossible to begin consideration of this amendment until Wednesday next at the earliest. A wholly erroneous impression has gained some credence and that is that there is some danger of the amendment being killed in conference or possibly of being rejected by the House. As a matter of fact the Senate conferees are pledged to the President to preserve the measure in conference, and so, too, are Speaker Cannon and Representative Payne, who will be chairman of the House conferees. All of the House leaders are committed to the President's proposition and it is their intention to bring in a rule which will send the tariff bill, including as it will the corporation tax amendment, to conference with extremely little debate. Representative Dwight, the Republican whip, has assured the President that the leaders controlled abundant votes to adopt such a rule and carry out the proposed programme. However, a very interesting report was going the rounds in inner circles at the Senate yesterday to the effect that one or two of the most radical Republican insurgents in the Senate who have been unsuccessful in securing the adoption of their views by that body, are endeavoring to organize an insurrection in the House and that they have secured already the signatures of seventeen Republican members pledging themselves to do all in their power to kill the entire tariff bill, and further, that they have in sight the remaining twelve Republican Representatives whose votes would be necessary to destroy the work of the special session, assuming of course that the Democrats would vote solidly against the bill. Whether or not the Speaker and Representative Dwight were cognizant of this rumor when they assured the President of their complete control of a majority of the House, is not known, but sufficient credence was given the report to set the leaders to counting noses. The Senate leaders insist that Mr. Cannon will be able to control the situation in the House and that a sufficient number of Democrats are interested in the tariff bill to prevent its defeat, even though some Republicans turn against it.

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Second only to the interest in the corporation tax is that taken in the Wright aeroplane, flights of which are to be taken at Fort Myer in a short time. The machine to be used in these test flights is a little shorter but the propellers are identical with those used last year. The precautions taken against a similar accident to that which killed Lieut. Selfridge and severely injured Orville Wright consist simply in bracing the propellers more firmly. The brothers decided, after thoroughly going over the wreck of the old machine, that accident happened through the propellers themselves working loose and getting in the way of the wires supporting the rudder. With the new framework in which the propellers are set, it will be practically impossible for this to happen.

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The passage of the bill appropriating $10,000,000, for taking the thirteenth census has prevented the closing of the Census Office on Wednesday next because of lack of funds. It assures, also, that the thirteenth census will start on schedule time, whether or not the House passes the measure now in conference governing the administration of the Census. If it is not agreed to by both houses, the census will be taken under the existing law, which provides for non-competitive examinations and is bitterly opposed by all Civil Service advocates being similar to that vetoed by President Roosevelt.

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The medical officers of the army are working diligently to have special instruction given to surgeons attached to militia organizations this summer. The occasion will be the first opportunity members of the militia medical corps have had to observe a field hospital. There will be three such hospitals this summer at Sparta, Wis., Antietam, Md., and near San Francisco, respectively. Regular medical officers will act as lecturers and explain the field medical equipment adopted for the protection of the health of the soldier on the march and in camp. The demonstration is destined to be of great value to the militia medical officers in connection with their likelihood of being called on for service with troops in the field in time of war. The surgeon general of the army has authorized contracts for the material which will be needed, and for additional supplies and apparatus that may be kept. Naval medical officers have been engaged in important investigations among the members of the fire room force on ships of war in an effort to ascertain the cause of what is known as heat exhaustion, various reports from naval surgeons have been received on the subject and there is hope that a remedy will be discovered.

PATRIOTIC TRUTHS

It is not all punk that blisters.

A wet Fourth makes a lean graveyard.

The fool and his digits are soon parted.

The sticks fall alike on the just and the unjust.

A thumb on the hand is worth two in the alcohol.

It is better to take a dare than to get your hand scorched.

Remember that the giant firecracker is always just getting ready to go off when you bend over it to see what is the matter.

Let us, then, be up and shooting, with a heart for any fate, lighting fuses and then scooting—learn to stand aside and wait.

Prices of Ice for June, 1909

100 lbs. or less	50cts. per 100 lbs.
100 " to 300	45cts. " 100 "
300 " " 500	40cts. " 100 "
500 " " 1000	35cts. " 100 "
1000 " up	30cts. " 100 "

MIDDLETOWN FARMS.

MAKING ROMAN CANDLES

Indispensable Adjuncts to a Proper Fourth of July

In America the manufacture of works has become almost a fine art, and no doubt the youth of our country could find this sort of expression for their patriotic enthusiasm on the Fourth of July without drawing on the products of foreign ingenuity. A glance at the catalogue of any one of the twelve or fifteen large firms engaged in this country discloses almost endless lists of devices.

Every one knows what a Roman candle is, but few know how this indispensable adjunct of a Fourth of July celebration is made. First of all in making comes the pasteboard cylinder, which is plugged up at one end with clay. After the clay comes a small charge of powder. Then a fuse is attached which communicates with the powder nearest the top of the cylinder, which, when it is exploded, sends its star sailing upward. A fuse running through the candle connects other charges of powder with the first and explodes them one at a time, each one shooting out the star which is next above it.

The stars are made of chemical mixtures which vary with the colors which are produced. A red star is sometimes made by mixing four parts of dry nitrate of strontia and fifteen parts of pulverized gunpowder. Copper filings change the color to green. Rosin, salt and a small quantity of amber make it yellow. Small particles of zinc change it to blue, and another and perhaps better red can be made by using a mixture of lampblack and niter.

THE POULTRY YARD

Grit must be sharp.

Feed before you water.

Do not feed grass for grit.

Feed a mash the year round.

Clean out the feed troughs daily.

Oyster shells are too soft for grit.

Never throw soft feed on the ground.

Round pebbles will not answer for grit.

In feeding grain in the runs broadcast it.

Do not feed corn during the hot weather.

Millet seed is a great egg-dropping grain.

Always feed the mush crumbly, not sloppy.

The noon meal is not necessary during the summer.

Do not allow the mash to sour in the troughs.

Beans are excellent food, being highly nitrogenous.

A quart of feed for twelve hens is a good measure.

Milk can be fed in any form—sweet, sour or buttermilk.

Buckwheat is an egg-producing food, but a steady diet of it is apt to be overfattening.

Commenting on a statement made by Prof. Graham of the Ontario Experiment Station, that the "average" hen does not lay over 80 eggs a year, the *American Cultivator* says:

"At present prices of grain eighty eggs per year at the average price per year would hardly more than pay for the feed. Many a poultryman summing up his returns and costs on a market basis might find that he is no more than getting back a new dollar for an old one. Present conditions are certainly trying for the poultryman. Market prices of eggs and poultry have not advanced in proportion to those of grain.

"Many poultrymen no doubt get better results in egg production than those indicated. They would feel like quitting the business could they get no more than eighty eggs per hen, and a yield of 120 eggs per hen would scarcely satisfy them, although such a yield would indicate a good flock well taken care of. At the Maine station they worked the record to 124 eggs per hen by means of selecting the best hens through trap nest methods, and breeding from these hens for several generations. Individual birds yielding well over 200 eggs per year were not rare in this flock, but hens of such excellence, like two can cows, are not representative of the average even for one farm.

"Yet the results of this experiment at the Maine station are not wholly encouraging. For the first few years the average egg yield of the flock increased and certain individual birds made very high records. Yet taking the average of the flock for the whole period of the experiment, the management consider it doubtful whether the egg laying capacity has been increased by the process of selection, and even granting that the average has been improved, they are inclined to think that the particularly high yield has been owing to better methods of care and management.

A CLEVER SWINDLE

The manager of a fashionable Paris restaurant fell into a neat trap not very long ago. A man named Daval, who had only been recently released from prison, called a cab and told the driver that he was the Count d'Abbeville and that he had bet a friend a large sum of money that, dressed in a tramp's rags, he would eat a dinner at one of the most exclusive hotels. If the cabman would arrange the matter for him with the manager of the hotel the count would pay him handsomely.

The cabman drove up to a luxurious restaurant, took the manager aside and whispered the information that his disreputable looking fare was really a count in disguise and then related the story of the bet. The manager fell into the trap, and the ex-prisoner was served with an excellent dinner with many wines.

The meal over, the man declared that he was no count and that he had no money. The manager laughed heartily at the splendid way his guest played his part, but by and by the truth dawned on him. A policeman was called in, and the ingenious swindler was led away, imperturbably smoking a five franc cigar.—*New York Sun.*

FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

If it was not for butter color, not a pound of oleomargarine or poor butter could ever have been sold as the genuine, clean product of the cow.

There is one thing the farmer cannot afford to overlook in sheep raising, and that is thrift. Thrift means health, gain in quality, quantity and productiveness, the elements out of which the profits are derived. It must be the first object of the owner to keep his sheep in thriving condition. The quality of the wool, as well as the quantity, and the general productiveness of the flock make this requirement imperative.

An odor will be observed in the milk if silage is fed to cows a short time before milking, but if given shortly after milking the silage smell cannot be detected.

There are several points in feeding sheep that must not be overlooked. The feed lot must be dry, with plenty of clean, dry bedding; the animals must have plenty of clean, pure water, and the feed troughs should be kept clean. These should be arranged so that the sheep cannot foul them with their feet. Another point is to keep them from becoming excited or frightened. To this end it is better that one person feed them all the time.

It is said that Greater New York consumes 7,764,930 gallons of milk, 361,600 gallons of cream, and 83,160 gallons of condensed milk in one month. The daily average is 242,490 gallons of milk, 10,340 gallons of cream, and 1480 gallons of condensed milk.

It will mean a loss to the farmer to have the cow afraid of him. It is a loss every time she is frightened. To run a cow to pasture is like throwing money away. A cow in any way worried will not do her best. The cow that is made a pet of will make money for its owner. The milk of a frightened or abused cow is poisonous.

If orchard grass is not sown thickly it will not be a success. Three bushels to the acre should be used. Orchard grass is more vigorous than timothy, with a stronger root system; but if a permanent meadow is expected it must be top-dressed freely.

Potatoes grown for seed under a straw mulch produced the following yield over forty per cent. more yield than did seed grown in the usual way.

Wilted and sprouted seed from ordinary cellar storage gave poor results. The average yield from sound seed was over fifty per cent. greater than from sprouted seed, in three separate tests.

Hogs that have recovered from an attack of cholera are immune to the disease. There are hogs that pass through an epidemic of the sickness and are not affected by the contagion. Such animals are natural immunes. Immune hogs are inoculated with the blood of animals sick with cholera and become hyperimmune, and such treated hogs furnish the serum with which other hogs are rendered immune by vaccination.

It takes a lot of good feed to fill out the lines of a shoat that has long been on such short feed and get him back to the form of thrift that he showed when he left his mother to shift for himself. No man ever saw a pig making profitable growth or doing a fraction of what he is capable when his hair is dry and standing every way, his belly girth double that of heart or flank, as many a shoat shows to-day, and all because of lack of a little more feed.

A good method to prevent gapes is to plow or spade the ground intended for young chicks as early as possible, and then scatter air-slaked lime over the surface. The lime will destroy any eggs or other sources of the worms. Lime is also a roup preventive. Disease always leaves germs in the soil, and therefore the poultry grounds should be occasionally stirred by either spading or plowing, afterward using the lime freely. If some of the lime is sprinking over the ground before stirring, and then turned under, all the better.

It is quite possible to buy heifers, but you never get the best that way. Raising calves is not always the most interesting feature of dairying to the average dairyman but it is one of the most important. Men usually don't like to fuss with calves. It may seem to some like small business, but it is not insignificant work to grow a cow that will make twenty pounds of butter a week. You can't buy such a cow without paying a very high price, but you can raise one just as cheap as you can raise a poor miserable scrub that will never pay for her keep. Of course, you won't grow a twenty-pound cow every time, now matter how good the feeding and breeding may be, but you never get a twenty-pound cow out of a half-starved calf even from the best milking dams.

A great many calves have been ruined by feeding them milk that is too rich for them. Perhaps no young calf is capable of assimilating five per cent. milk. They may have a constitution strong enough to live through it but it is not good policy to tax their weakness in this way.

The best dairymen prefer to feed the calves by hand because they know then just what they are getting and how much. It is really not such a terrible task to feed a dozen calves but it is quite a nuisance to go through the motions just for one or two. Perhaps a great many dairymen who object to raising calves for their own herds would change their minds if they should practice it in a wholesale way.

The higher bred a cow is the more difficult it seems to be to raise the calf. The nervous organization is more fully developed and the digestion of highly bred calves is not very robust, but it is easy to see when a calf is doing right if the feeder pays attention to it as he should.

Why the Bee is Busy

It is said that bees must take the nectar from 62,000 clover blossoms to make one pound of honey. This means that they must make 2,750,000 trips from the hive to the flowers. And when the market price of honey is taken into consideration it will readily be seen that the price of bee labor is very cheap in comparison with other kinds.

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

The odor of mignonette is so distasteful to flies that they will not come where it is. If pots of it are stood about the house it is an easy matter to be entirely rid of these pests.

Nervous women may be interested in a cure which a London clergyman is recommending to his parishioners. A woman who had been to specialist after specialist, without relief, finally came to him. He advised her to stop talking about herself and her ills and to keep as silent as possible on all other subjects. After staying at his house for some time she left, apparently in perfect health; but within two weeks she was back again, having talked herself ill in telling her friends about her recovery. A second period of silence brought her further relief, to say nothing of the relief her family experienced from the cure of her nervous condition.

If a baby is restless at nightit is a good plan to give him a teaspoonful of cold water occasionally. Sleeplessness in infancy is often as much caused by thirst as by anything else.

The neck of a baby's frock should never be starched when it is washed, while at night the clothing should be essentially warm as well as light.

Orange juice is very good for small children, and an alternating and equally refreshing drink to lemonade at dinner time is that of half an orange strained through a lemon-squeezer and very slightly sweetened.

Eight glasses of water taken just before retiring is said to be the boss method for curing a cold.

A glazier's knife will be found an excellent thing with which to scrape and clean the bottoms of pans and kettles.

Much time is saved if paper linings for cake pans are cut in quantities and kept ready for instant use in dustproof box with tight lid.

A little muriatic acid added to the rinsing water after a blue and white fiber rug is scrubbed with soap and water will help to restore the color.

A clean cloth dipped in hot water, then a saucer of bran, will speedily clean white paint without injury to it. The soft bran acts like soap on the dirt.

The easiest way to clean a cereal cooker is to turn it upside down in a pan of boiling water and steam it until the sticky mass is soft and loosened from the sides of the pan.

A good silence cloth for the dining table can be made with a double thickness of white flannel laid with the soft side on the inside and quilted on the machine; edge with a binding of white tape.

A sticky cake or bread pan should not be cleaned with a knife or anything which will scratch the surface and make sticking more probable thereafter. For this reason the crust of bread often advised as a cleaner is not desirable.

One careful housekeeper always keeps a lump of charcoal in the drawer with her flat silver. She finds that the charcoal, absorbing any chance moisture, is a factor in keeping the silver bright.

Keep a few blanks with pencil hanging in a convenient place. As the various groceries get at low tide, jot them down and when the groceryman comes your list will be already prepared.

If a new broom is dipped into hot salt water the splints will be toughened and the broom will last much longer.

A satisfactory way of keeping the shirt waist in place is to pin a piece of elastic about an inch in width tightly around the waist.

Wash mirrors, window glass and glass over pictures with alcohol. It dries much easier than water, hence is easier to use in winter.

It is surprising how much of the shine can be removed from a cloth skirt if you first sponge the garment with alcohol and then press.

Keep a small brush on hand near your soap dish in the kitchen, then it will be ready to clean the grater after grating lemons, chocolate or anything of the kind.

Always rinse glasses that have contained milk in cold water first before they are washed in warm water. The milk will cloud the glass if dipped in hot water as soon as they are emptied.

One teaspoonful of ammonia in a cupful of water will clean gold or silver jewelry. A few drops on the under side of a diamond will clean it immediately, making it very brilliant.

For almond cake filling, blanch and pound fine a pound of shelled almonds, mix them with two eggs, a cupful of sugar and a teaspoonful of vanilla. Spread between layers and frost the top.

In packing your trunk for your vacation secure a large air-tight tin can, put the bottles in it and drop sawdust in between them. If a bottle breaks, the sawdust will absorb the liquid and your clothes will not be ruined.

If a kettle in which you are cooking something burns dry, take it from the fire immediately and set it in a pan of cold water. After a few minutes take the food out and put in a new kettle if it needs further cooking. The food will not taste burned.

BATHER DROWNS IN MILL POND

MILFORD, DEL., June 28th.—While bathing in a mill pound last evening, Edgar Boyce, aged 21 years, was stricken with cramps and was drowned. Boyce was a son of David Boyce, of this town and engaged in the insurance business.

Boyce, Victor Hauby, James Webb and J. M. Saive went to the upper mill pond near the Grier property to bathe last evening, and they scarcely had plunged into the water when Boyce was seized with cramps.

His companions thought the best way to aid him was to extend a fence rail, which they did. Boyce grasped it and was being hauled in toward the shore when he suddenly released his grip on the rail, threw up his hands and sank from sight before his companions could get to him. His body was recovered.

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WHEN WILL IT STOP?

The impudence of those Senators, who, in "reforming the tariff" upwards are putting the common staples of life out of reach of the masses, seems to be without bounds!

The House bill, by no means an ideal tariff reform measure, has been, as we predicted months ago, so grossly mangled by the repacious Trust Senators, that it retains little of its original features save a further upward boost of Trust monopoly products.

The free lumber, coal, iron and wool of the house are all now "protected" out of sight! Lumber already so high, it costs as much now to build a dog house as it used to build a barn, is hoisted yet higher to "protect" the millionaire lumber barons who must be able to live in their "chambers ceiled with cedar and painted with vermillion."

Structural steel is given an upward hoist, and so your common man will soon be able to build him a house neither of wood nor iron—he can, though, go burrow out a hole in the earth and since 170 per cent. "protection" of the wool trust is the new Senate rate, the poor devil can wear shoddy or cotton—good enough, however, for his dog-house hole in the ground. Then the price of wheat is going to put plain bread among the Beef Trust luxuries, and that contemptible millionnaire, the Sugar Trust, having just paid $2,140,000 as a government fine and furthermore having disgorged $10,000,000 at the suit of Mr. Earle in the Philadelphia-Segal case feels poor, and the sympathetic Senate gives the Sugar Trust more "sugar" in the way of "protection!" And so your dirt dog-house man, clad in cheap cotton shoddy, barefooted—duty on shoes increased 20 per cent.—can go without the luxuries of white bread, sugar and meat, and thus in diet be in keeping with his house, garb and other appropriate surroundings.

Overdrawn the picture, yes, for this immediate present—but of the future not far off—if the present Trust monopolies of the very essentials of life to the millions of men be not arrested, and sharply, too, no exaggeration whatever, since the remorseless plundering of the masses by these over rich trusts, under the guise of a Tariff law can have only such an end, if the hand of the greedy spoliators be not disabled by the tariff reduction to which the Republican party and President stands pledged.

BRUTAL MISSIONARY MURDER

The whole country has been horrified beyond measure by the revelations following the brutual murder of a young white girl, a mission worker, in New York city by a "converted" Chinaman. Perhaps we are lacking in the true Christian spirit, but we never have been in sympathy with that sort of missionary zeal which sends young women into the slums of our large cities to teach and convert the Chinese or others of alien races. In this connection, Miss Helen F. Clark, of New York, who has herself spent 27 years in Chinese mission work, says: "There are more women missionaries degraded by Chinese men than there are Chinese converted. For 17 years I have urged the folly of white women endeavering to Christianize Chinese men. All about me I have seen the ruined and wrecked homes. Case after case that parallels that of Elsie Sigel with the exception of the tragic ending." It would seem, in the light of what has happened, that it is not worth while trying to Christianize the wily Chinamen. At any rate it is imperatively demanded that future missionary effort among the Chinese, if made at all, should be in the hands of men.

The reappointment of E. C. Hardesty as official court stenographer, is a recognition of faithful service and worth for which the new judges are to be commended. Mr. Hardesty was the first court stenographer having been appointed when the office was created in 1891. He has held the office continuously ever since, and both bench and bar depend upon him implicitly for accurate transcripts of court proceedings. Courteous at all times and to every one, he holds the esteem of all, and hence the action of the judges is universally endorsed throughout the State.

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AMERICA'S YEARLY HUMAN SACRIFICE

According to a Grecian myth, Minos, the tyrant of Crete, exacted yearly from Athens a bloody tribute of young maidens and boys to be fed to his monster, the Minotaur, confined in the Labyrinth.

The Bible tells us how the ancient Ammonites offered human sacrifices by tossing living babes into the red-hot arms of the huge calf-headed Molech idol. Profane history tells also of similar practices by the Phoenicians and Carthegenians. These awful murders of children were done many centuries ago in the dark ages, by heathen nations under the misguided notion of a votive religious offering. It remains for Christian America, in the high noon illumination of the 20th century, to surpass, if possible, these brutal orgies of barbarous nations by offering up yearly upon the altar of greed over 5000 of her youth to death or maiming.

This stupid 4th of July fireworks folly costs $5,000,000.00 in money and 200 killed and 5000 injured. Has Middletown any money to burn? Or worse, is there a family in the town or vicinity that is willing to furnish a boy victim to the horrors of lockjaw from those dangerous caps exploded by the toy pistol? Think it over, father, mother, and as you value the eyes, limbs and lives of your children see to it that some more rational way be found to celebrate the nation's birthday, than by this truly heathenish one of burning money to make a noise.

Once more, here's the 4th of July death roll of the past 5 years; killed, boys and girls, 1153; injured, 23,673.

Are you willing, you parents, to sniff at these facts and let your children take their chances—for fun?

DON'T BE A QUITTER

Many men fail because they are quitters. It may be that more fail for this reason than any other. Whatever the proportion, the number is too large.

Men can accomplish more than they ever dreamed of, in most cases. It is mainly a question of holding on when a man is engaged in a pursuit into which his physical and mental qualities fit.

If plants succumbed to every whiff of bitter air in the raw days of spring, and shriveled up at every drought of summer, there would be no fruit. Nature points the way to holding with grim tenacity, and, left alone, the face of the earth is smothered in shrub and flower seed.

Wellington did not win the battle of Waterloo by superior military tactics, but by holding on, despite the horrible and devastation carnage of Napoleon's forces, holding on with British bulldog tenacity.

Not all may succeed in the same degree, since men are differently constituted and labor under varying conditions, but a doubting, shifting, yielding course leads nowhere.

No sensible man should pursue an object unpreparedly and without purpose. But it is necessary not only to be sure that you are right and then go ahead, but to keep going.

Stick to a thing, then, for this is the method by which, under untoward conditions, most successful men, in all walks of life, have made good.—*Toronto World.*

CONDUCT OF RURAL SCHOOLS

"Judging by the comments in some of our State exchanges there is considerable dissatisfaction over the way in which the rural schools are managed. There is complaint, which is probably well founded, that the voters take but little interest in the election of school commissioners and that, as a consequence, men not fitted for those responsible positions are often chosen to direct the schools.

"It is said that the persons who have no interest in the schools are usually present at elections prepared to vote against any and all improvements either in the methods of teaching in the schools or in the school buildings themselves.

"Improvements are thus thwarted because citizens who really should faver progress in educational methods hold aloof and fail to perform their duties. When it is remembered that the public school course is all the instruction that the vast majority of young men and young women receive, the importance of a wise administration of the school becomes obvious."—*Evening Journal.*

THAT MARYLAND TRAGEDY

The brutal tragedy at St. Michaels, Md., points especially one moral which society to-day should heed—the increasing laxity of the marriage bond. Indeed, marriage is fast falling into utter contempt as a solemn contract, sanctioned alike by the laws of God and man. The divorce rate in several states has reached the appalling percentage of one in four; while wife and husband swapping, in the nasty "affinity" business has become almost a social fad, particularly among the idle rich.

In this gruesome affair of the bungalow we have an unmitigated scoundrel deliberately violating the fealty due the good woman he had sworn, before God and man, to "love, honor and cherish;" while on the other hand we see a weak wife as deliberately betraying the honor of her husband, writing the cheapest sort of moonshine glorification of her paramour and seeking under a thin veneer of maudlin sentimentality to hide the avowed purpose of her lust. He "fearing neither God nor man;" she, a devotee of Buddha forsooth! A little plain, old fashioned religion, sternly enforcing the demands of the Ten Commandments of Almighty God, would have made impossible this shocking double murder on the shores of Back Creek.

PRESIDENT TAFT'S WARNING

President Taft at Yale expressed the sober opinion of the Republican party when he declared that "if the Republican party does not live up to its promises and what the people expect of it, it will be relegated to a position like that of His Majesty's opposition.

This is true. Defeat will come to any party which does not keep in administration and legislation the promises of platform and campaign. The Republican party faces a responsibility more direct and immediate than usually fronts a party on taking power. President Taft himself did much to create this direct responsibility He was explicit in his promises and outspoken in his praises.

The people and the Republican party look to him to see that they are kept. They want to see the Sherman act against trusts enforced. They demand an efficient Federal regulation and supervision over corporations. The 2 per cent. tax on the net income of corporations will bring this and the consequences will be serious if this measure after superseding an income tax on individuals should itself fall by the way.

In the tariff what President Taft has himself called an "honest revision" is demanded and must be enacted. Protection must be maintained, but new conditions must be recognized. Additions must be made to free raw materials. Hides, coal and iron ore should be without even the reduced duties imposed in the Senate. Every schedule should be at the level, laid down by President Taft where the difference of wages between American and foreign labor is protected and a fair return secured for American principles.

These are the broad lines on which the next tariff should be enacted because they represent the pledges of the Republican party and President Taft has public support throughout the country in insisting that these promises made by him as well as by the party shall be maintained both in the tariff and in the regulation of corporations.—*Phila. Press.*

THE RURAL FOURTH

The people who live in the country and in the smaller towns enter into the spirit of the day because of what the day means. The people of the city get away from town because it means rest. The city people are the ones who are always talking and arguing for the saner Fourth. It means much to the city where human life and property are at stake. A noiseless Fourth in the small town would not come under the classification of sane. Taken as a whole, the country is probably as glad when the day is over as it is glad to see it dawn. This may not be the sort of spirit that the fathers mapped out for the Fourth of July, but it is the sort that is abroad in the present age.

Charles Hill a Suicide

Seated in the parlor of the residence of his brother, Harry W. Hill, at 619 Poplar street, Wilmington, Charles W. Hill, aged 49 years, of Folsom, Pa., Wednesday afternoon placed a 32-calibre revolver in his month and sent a bullet through the top of his head. He died instantly. The suicide was a telegraph operator in the employ of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company in the office at Twenty-fourth and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia, and his wife is the ticket agent at the Folsom station. They have no children.

THE COUNTY TAX RATE

List of Amounts Allotted to the Various Appropriations Made Tuesday

At the sessions of the Levy Court Tuesday afternoon, the finance committee presented a resolution fixing the tax rate for the coming year at fifty-five cents per $100 of assessment for county purposes, and ten cents for poor purposes in Wilmington, and forty cents for road purposes in the rural hundreds. The following budget for the coming year was approved by the court:

Receipts	
Assessment, taxes ($57,822,041,)	$375,843.27
Capitation Tax	1,200.00
Receipts from Public Service Corporations	9,000.00
Fees from Court House Offices	35,000.00
Total	$421,043.27

Appropriations	
Loan for Funding Floating Debt, No. 2	$10,000.00
Loans for benefit of Trustees of the Poor	10,000.00
Loan for Construction of Washington Street Bridge	10,000.00
Salaries	85,000.00
Board of Prisoners	43,000.00
Ferris Industrial School	13,000.00
Industrial School for Girls	3,500.00
Trustees of the Poor	40,000.00
Hospitals	1,000.00
County Morgue	250.00
Court Expenses	20,000.00
Allowance to Assessors	3,500.00
Officers of the Court	4,000.00
Coroners and Physicians	2,500.00
Magistrates and Constables	4,500.00
Rebates on Taxes	10,000.00
Printing and Stationery	5,000.00
Public Buildings	4,000.00
Telephones	1,200.00
Light, Power and Water	4,000.00
First, and Second District (Wilmington Hd.)	8,000.00
Third District	3,000.00
Fourth District	3,000.00
Fifth District	4,000.00
Sixth District	4,000.00
Seventh District	4,000.00
Errors in Assessment	15,000.00
Interest on Bonds	32,000.00
Overpaid Taxes	600.00
Insurance	100.00
Auditors	750.00
Good Roads	20,000.00
Unappropriated Funds	14,543.27
Addition to Court House	25,000,00
Allowance to Public Service Corporations	12,000.00
Newport Bridge	1,600.00
Total	$421,043.27

UNCLE SAM AFTER SUGAR TRUST

WASHINGTON, July 1.—While Attorney General Wickersham would not discuss the action of the Federal Grand Jury, in New York, to-day, in finding indictments against the Sugar Trust to-day, beyond given out a perfunctory statement, there is reason to believe that he and the administration to be sure of its ground before going ahead is regarded as warrant for believing that it was reasonably certain of conviction before the matter was laid before the Grand Jury.

That the prosecution of the trust will be conducted with vigor and ability is believed by every one who knows the thorough methods of Mr. Wickersham and the determination of President Taft that violators of the law shall be brought to book. While the case is before the courts no comment can be expected of these high officials.

With respect to the indictment found by the Grand Jury in the New York sugar refining cases, Attorney General Wickersham said to-day that the indictment spoke for itself and he had nothing to add. In his opinion the administration of justice should be quiet, thorough, effective and impersonal and it was his intention that this should be so in the sugar company proceedings as in all other cases under his control.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING

DOVER, DEL., June 28th.—Killed by a bolt of lightning, that entered her home over a wire, while her baby nearby was unharmed, was the fate of Mrs. Katie Lowber, of near Viola, last night. She started upstairs with her baby to get some articles, and lay the baby down when she arrived at the landing upstairs. About that time the lightning struck a walnut tree outside, and then coursed along a wire stretching from the tree to the house, used to hang clothes on. The fiery bolt entered the window and struck Mrs. Lowber dead, a short distanse from where she had deposited the baby. Members of the family did not know of the tragedy until they were attracted late in the evening by the baby's wails. Making an investigation, they found the lifeless body of Mrs. Lowber mutilated by the marks of the bolt that had smitten her. The baby was unharmed.

CAMPMEETING DATES

There is much speculation over the prospect of campmeetings this year. Several years ago the great interest in campmeetings which had been manifested for years suddenly died out on the peninsula. This season heroic efforts have been commenced to revive the interest. Twenty new frame cottages are being built at Camden Camp, which will open early in August.

Marydel Campmeeting Association has already organized and gone to work for its midsummer camp. Other camps which are being arranged are as follows:

Sand Hills, near Georgetown.

Concord Camp, in Caroline county.

Wheately's Camp in Dorchester county.

Laurel-Bethel Camp near Laurel, Sussex county.

Rehoboth Camp, which will be a nonsectarian Chatauqua.

Holiness Camp Association at Denton. There will also be other Holiness camps not yet designated.

Courts Keep Stenographer

The new judiciary has decided to re-appoint Edmond C. Hardesty as official stenographer for the Superior Court and Court of Oyer and Terminer. Hardesty was appointed official stenographer for the first time by Chief Justice Comegys in October, 1891, and was the first to fill the position under the present law. He was recommissioned by the Judges whose terms recently expired. When they assumed office under the new Constitution in June, 1897, and is now serving the fourth consecutive Chief Justice—Chief Justices Comegys, Robinson, Lore and Pennewill.

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Thursdays, July 15, August 5 and 19, 1909
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REHOBOTH, DEL.
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ODESSA

Mrs. Caroline Hahn is visiting friends in St. Georges.

Mrs. J. F. Douglas is visiting relatives in Wilmington.

Miss Pearl Harris is spending this week with her grandmother in Smyrna.

Miss Helen Watkins is spending sometime with friends in Trenton, N. J.

Mr. George Ginn, Jr., of the Levels, spent Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. I. G. Webb.

Mr. William Suan. of Wilmington, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Heller.

Mrs. William Johnson is spending a few days this week with friends in Middletown.

Mr. Frank Douling, of Philadelphia, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Webb.

Miss Addie Alfree, of the Levels, is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Herman Kumpel.

Mrs. J. W. Watkins and daughter Jeannette are spending sometime with friends in Silver Bay, N. Y.

Mr. James Wallace, of Sudlersville, Md., spent a few days last week with his brother, Mr. Thomas Wallace.

Miss Georgia Enos, of Wilmington, spent Sunday and Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Enos.

Mr. Frank B. Ward, of Philadelphia, spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward.

Mrs. William Money and children, of Wilmington, are spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Rhein.

Mrs. E. B. Lodge has returned to her home in Cleveland, O., after spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Townsend.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Mrs. George Larrabee spent Friday in Philadelphia.

Miss Louie Queck is spending a few days in Havre de Grace.

Miss Elizabeth Cooling is visiting relatives in Havre de Grace.

Miss Fanny Briscoe, of Baltimore, recently visited Mrs. Maria Griffith.

Mrs. E. H. Banks has returned to the Hahnemann Hospital for treatment.

Harry Whitlock, of Chester, spent Sunday at the home of W. B. Coleman.

The first dance of the season will be held at Spa Spring Pavilion Monday evening, July 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hanson, of Baltimore, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Woolley.

Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Church of the Good Shepherd Sunday at 10.30 A. M.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Caldwell, Mrs. Jennie Caldwell and Miss Lucy Reed spent last Tuesday at Betterton.

Quite an exciting runaway occurred here Friday morning when a horse belonging to Mrs. Laura Williams ran off, demolishing the carriage. It ran through town and it was necessary to stretch a pole across the long bridge before it could be stopped.

Miss May Yoe, of Massey's, Md., and Miss Julia Beaston, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mrs. Nellie B. Reed.

The Chesapeake City Band will go to North East Friday evening to play at the festival to be held by the Red Men's Cornet Band.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bouchelle and sons, Taylor and Robert, of Baltimore, are spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bouchelle.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh W. Caldwell are spending several days at Mountain Lake Park, where the Maryland State Teachers' Association is in session.

Sylvester Preston, of North East, has just unloaded an up-to-date new Peerless threshing rig, self-feeder, weigher and bagger and blower. He will start threshing this week in Elk Neck.

There will be a patriotic service by Childs M. E. Sunday School at the Hall, next Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, including a sermon by Rev. H. A. G. Westerfield. Everybody invited, especially the members of the G. A. R.

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We sell Candies at wholesale prices. Examine our stock of candies in ½, 1 and 5 lb. boxes before buying elsewhere.

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SOME SPECIAL BARGAINS

Babies' white caps, worth 50c and 75c, at 25c
Babies' white caps, worth 25c, at 15c
Ladies' full sized dressing sacques 25c
Ladies' 35c and 50c corset covers at 25c
Men's 15c and 25c hose at 10c
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Monday, July 5th, being observed as a holiday, this store will close at 10 o'clock A. M., for the balance of the day.

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Active Preparations Have Been Made for the Greatest Fair Ever Held in Delaware

☞It is especially urged that plans be made EARLY for Exhibits. This month is the time to attend to it. DON'T PUT IT OFF.

Requests for Premium Lists, &c., may be made to the office of the Fair Association, No. 1 West Fifth Street, Wilmington, Del.

Preliminary Premium List Ready February 1st

The Transcript, $1.

The Middletown Transcript

Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.35 a. m., 10.05 a.m., 4.05 p.m. 6.00 p. m. and 8 p. m.

Going South—8.00 a.m., 4.15 p. m., and 9 p.m

For Odessa—75.0 a. m., 8.30 a. m. 11.30 a. m., 4.50 p. m.

For Warwick, Cecilton and Earlville 9.20 a. m, and 4.45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JULY 3, 1909

Local News

Watermelons are beginning to make their appearance.

Get your FIRE WORKS at
W. S. LETHERBURY'S.

Messick's store closes July, August and September at 6 o'clock.

See our ad. this week, it will pay you.
A. FOGEL.

Give your little chicks a good start by using Chick Food, at
EVANS' EXCHANGE STORE.

After June first, the Library hours will be: Tuesday, 7 to 8 30; Friday, 7 to 8.30 and Saturday 3 to 5 P. M.

At the unusal school election lost Saturday afternoon M. B. Burris and Dr. C. A. Ritchie were re-elected there being no opposition.

100 Children's white muslin umbrella bottom Petticoats, made of good cambric, Regular price, 35c, while they last 19c at
A. FOGEL'S.

High grade, steam-making, fresh mined Bituminous Coal. Price low as the lowest. G. E. HUKILL.

George W. Ingram has sold for G. E. Hukill, four lots situated on Anderson street, to S. Downs.

Dr. M. B. Burstan will be at his office, corner Broad and Main streets, Monday and Tuesday, July 5th and 6th.

$1.00 tub Skirts just received, all sizes and colors in the lot, price 75c and 98c each, at A. FOGEL'S.

Pennies with the likeness of Abraham Lincoln, replacing the familiar Indian head, were put in circulation from the Philadelphia mint Wednesday.

If you want horse feed, we have it. If you want cow feed, we have it. Ask for Sucrene. MIDDLETOWN FARMS.

The small boy is having the hardest luck of his life this year. Decoration Day and Fourth of July both fall on Sunday this year.

Dr. J. C. Stites has removed his dental office to the building recently vacated by the Western Union Telegraph Co., next door to J. L. Shepherd's office.

100,000 Late Cabbage Plants for sale at STEELE'S.

Now is the time to have your teeth attended to. Don't wait for hot weather. Dr. Johnson will give you up-to-date service. Fresh gas daily.

$1.50 Baby Caps, all samples, values from 50c to $1.00, all for 25c. Another lot from 25c to $2 00, for 50c, at
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Send your items and personal notices into the paper, that is the way to help make it interesting. Just sign your name, we won't publish it, and then the article will be sure of getting in.

I wish to inform the public that having engaged Mr. S. Harry Riggs, an expert blacksmith, I am now prepared to do Horseshoeing and all kinds of Blacksmithing on short notice. C. H. HOWELL.

Don't forget that the 4th is pretty nearly here, and that you should get your Ice Cream order in as soon as possible. We expect to be able to fill all orders, but would like to have as much time on them as we can get.
MIDDLETOWN FARMS.

Just received another lot of cool, comfortable dressing sacques and kimonos, all sizes and colors, 50c and 39c values, while they last for 25c and 39c each at
A. FOGEL'S.

Real Estate agent George W. Ingram has sold for Thomas Lattomus, the "Collier farm," situated near Price's Corner, containing 196 acres, to William Donovan, of Blackbird hundred. Consideration $9,000.

Next Monday will be generally observed as a legal holiday in Middletown on account of the Fourth falling on Sunday. The banks and offices will be closed on that day and a number of merchants will also close their places of business.

We have in STORAGE several hundred tons of HIGH GRADE LEHIGH and BITUMINOUS COAL. You don't have to place your order before-hand as it is ALWAYS IN STOCK. We have just added to our yard a nice lot of SAWED WOOD. Phone 5. JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending June 24th: Mrs. Emma Archay, Miss Emma Johnson, Mrs. Lula Nichols, care of Geo. H. Dredden; Miss Mary Terrell, Mrs. Laura Townsend, Mr. Henry Ash, Mr. Thos. P. Johneon, Mr. Wm. Kregg, Mr. L. Voshell.

Delaware militiamen will have the novel experience this summer of "hiking" to their encampment, beginning July 24th, on the State rifle range, ten miles below Wilmington. The down-state companies will go to New Castle by train and then march to the camp field, a distance of five miles. The Wilmington men will have a ten mile tramp and they will then have to erect their own tents.

Members of the Board of Education met Monday evening for organization, and elected Mr. George D. Kelley President and S. Edward Lewis Secretary and Treasurer. At the same time the following teachers were elected: Miss Ida V. Howell, principal; Miss Hester V. Willey, first assistant; Miss May McFaull, Mrs. Ida McCrone, Miss Elsie R. Jones, Miss Ada B. Scott and Miss Prudence H. Lewis. The latter was elected to succeed Miss Elizabeth R. Hall, and Miss Scott will succeed Miss Lewis in department No. 5.

To warn people of the danger of flies, and to show them how to get rid of the pests, the Chicago health department has issued a bulletin in which the nuisances are called all sorts of bad names. "Flies are the dirtiest and filthiest of vermin," the bulletin says. "They are born in filth, live in filth and carry filth around with them. Millions of death dealing germs cling to them, only to be scattered upon those whom they touch. Now is your time to build your lines of defense. Prepare to fight them as you would wild beasts seeking your life." A good fly poison, not dangerous to human life, the bulletin adds, is a solution of bichromate of potash, one dram dissolved in two ounces of water and sweetened with a little sugar. Put some in shallow dishes and place throughout the house.

The newstand and cigar store of Mr. H R. Wilson was entered Thursday night and a large number of valuable pipes, tobacco and other articles stolen. The thieves effected an entrance through one of the back windows and their work was done so quietly that night watchman Gary did not hear them and they got away with their plunder. Mr. Wilson's loss will amount to more than $100, as the case which contained all of his valuable pipes seemed to attract the thieves most. At this writing no arrests have been made but it it hoped the officers will be able to apprehend the guilty parties and send them to the workhouse.

Middletown merchants and business men should bear in mind that on and after August 1st, 1909, every individual, firm, association of persons or corporation holding any State license authorizing the conduct of any business, trade or vocation, shall expose said license in conspicuous manner in the principal office or place of business. For failure to comply with said act as passed by the recent Legislature and now become a law, it shall be deemed a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding $100. Revenue Collector Harry W. Chairs will see that the law is rigidly enforced.

Michael Eagen, aged 41 years, a resident of Grafton, Mass., was run over by a freight train on the Delaware division of the P., B. & W. railroad Monday morning and perhaps fatally injured. The accident happened near the station at Townsend. He was taken to Wilmington and removed to the Delaware Hospital. Both of his feet were found to have been crushed. It was necessary to amputate one foot and to amputate three toes on the other foot. He is reported to be in a critical condition. Eagen was said to have been lying on the track when the train ran over him. Whether he was sleeping there with the rails as a foot rest, or whether he had been affected by the heat and fallen exhausted is not known.

The 1909 wheat harvest in this section is now over, and some of our farmers are stacking, while others are making arrangements to begin threshing the first of next week. Opinions differ as to the probable yield, but it is the census of opinion that the crop will not be what was expected some weeks back, but in a few days when many of the growers will have their crops threshed out, a more accurate estimate can be made. There is always a great difference of opinion about a wheat crop, and this year is no exception to the rule, yet so far we have failed to find a grower who would allow himself to be quoted as to the real shortage in his crop.

BASE BALL

Middletown Defeats Smyrna on the Home Grounds by the Score 4 to 3

In a very interesting and hard fought ball game played here Saturday the home team defeated Smyrna by the score of 4 to 3.

Neither side scored until the sixth inning when I. Gibbs and Byron, each scored making the home team two runs to the good. They added another in the seventh but the scoring stopped there until the first half of the ninth, when Smyrna by errors tied the score. However the home boys came back game in their half of this inning and by the use of a little inside base ball scored the run, which was needed to win.

For Smyrna the batting and fielding of Eliason and Price were the features, while Hardcastle's throwing to second was also very good.

Walker and I. Gibb's batting and Byron's fielding featured the home team's playing.

Jolls and Eliason both pitched good games each fanning fourteen men. Jolls allowed 6 hits and no bases on balls, while Eliason allowed 6 hits and 5 base on balls, the score:

MIDDLETOWN

	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Lewis, r. f.	0	1	0	0	0
B. Gibbs, 3d b.	0	0	0	1	2
I. Gibbs, c.	1	2	14	1	1
Bryon, s. s.	1	1	2	4	0
Walker, c. f.	0	2	0	0	0
Manlove, 1st b.	0	0	9	0	0
G. Richards, 2d b.	0	0	1	1	1
Morgan, l. f.	2	0	1	0	0
Jolls, p.	0	1	0	2	0
	4	7	27	9	4

SMYRNA

	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Bell, 3d b.	0	0	1	3	1
Hardcastle, c.	0	0	14	4	1
Voss, 1st b.	1	0	2	0	1
Price, 2d b.	1	1	5	1	1
Hinson, s. s.	0	0	1	1	1
Marvel, l. f.	0	1	0	0	0
Spruance, r. f.	1	1	1	0	0
Roberts, c. f.	0	0	0	0	0
Eliason, p.	0	3	0	1	0
	3	6	24	10	5

	R.	H.	E.
Middletown	0 0 0 0 0 2 1 0 1	4	7	4
Smyrna	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3	3	6	5

Base on balls, Eliason, 5; 2 base hits, Byron, Spruance; sacrifice hits, B. Gibbs, I. Gibbs; stolen bases, Manlove, I. Gibbs 2, Walker 2, Byron, Eliason. Umpire, C. Jones.

OFFICER SHOT BY NEGRO

Harry Boone, aged 35 years, a member of the special police force maintained by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, was shot by one of four tramp negroes about 11.30 o'clock Wednesday night, a short distance above Perryville, Md., and died about 2 o'clock Thursday morning while he was on a train being hurried to a hospital in Baltimore. The train had just reached North Point when he expired. His body is now at the Union station in Baltimore.

Locked up in the jail in Elkton, Md., are four young negroes, who have been identified as the men by whom Boone was attacked and one of whom is believed to have fired the shot that killed the officer. They gave their names as James Knox, aged 20 years of Salisbury, N. C.; James White, aged 18 years of the same place; William Thomas, aged 20 years, and Clarence McCormick, aged 19 years, both of Baltimore.

It was due to the quick and efficient work of Grant Smith, captain of the railroad police, and William Biggins, lieutenant of the same department, both of Wilmington, and Sheriff Hager and Deputy Sheriff McAllister of Cecil county, Md., that the alleged murderers were captured so quickly. These officers went to work on the case soon after the shooting of Boone had been reported and they had rounded up the four men Thursday before noon.

The killing of Boone has aroused the railroad men and the people in the vicinity of Perryville and Elkton more than anything that has occurred for several years.

PERSONALITIES.

Mr. S. S. Holten is on the sick list.

Mrs. J. R. Hoffecker is spending a week at Rehoboth.

Miss Crystal Moore, of Elkton, is visiting Miss Ruby Whitlock.

Miss Blanche Roberts spent last week with relatives in Wilmington.

Messrs. H. R. Wilson and R. B. Jones were Elkton visitors on Sunday.

Mrs. Alexander Metten is visiting her son, W. F. Metten, in Wilmington.

Mrs. M. A. Pleasanton and family are at Rehoboth for the month of July.

Mrs. H. D. Howell and children have returned home after a visit in Rehoboth.

Miss Lena Staats spent part of this week in Rehoboth, the guest of Miss Allie McKee.

Miss Dora Price has returned home after a several week's visit at Cumberland, Md.

W. D. Burnham has returned from Wilmington, where he has been spending several months.

Miss Katie Budd, of Elkton, was the guest of the Misses Price on Green street, last Saturday.

Mrs. Edward Reynols was in Wilmington this week, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. D. P. Barnard.

Miss Alice Dreka, of Sassafras, Md., was the guest of Miss Louise Echenhofer several days this week.

Misses Mary Hutchin and Bessie Anderson have returned home after a two week's stay at Rehoboth.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldman, of Englewood, N. J., are spending ten days with Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Rosenberg.

Mrs. Amelia Reynolds and son Ellery, of Mayfield, Ky., are spending the summer with her aunt, Mrs. Leslie Schreitz.

Miss Bertha Markowitz, of New York, is spending several weeks with her uncle Mr. S. M. Rosenberg and family.

Mrs. S. M. Rosenberg and two children have returned from New York City, where they attended the wedding of her sister.

Miss Myrtle Houston has gone to Baltimore, Md., where she will spend sometime with her sister, Mrs. J. M. Naudain.

Miss Blanche Deakyne spent part of last week in New Castle and was a guest at the Commencement and Class Day exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Monro will leave on Tuesday for an extended trip to Niagara Fall, Thousand Islands, the Coast of Main and other points of interest.

Capt. W. E. Lee as announced in these columns last week, is confined to his bed, suffering with typhoid fever, but we are glad to state, he is getting along as well as can be expected at this writing.

Invitations have been issued for the marriage of the Rev. Francis H. Moore and Miss Elizabeth R. Hall, on Thursday, July fifteenth, at noon. We understand that, on account of the serious illness of Miss Hall's aunt, Miss Lydia Murphey, the invitations to the Church are general, while the number of guests at the wedding breakfast will be as small as the circumstances will permit.

OBITUARY

MRS. ANDREW BEASTON

Mrs. Kate Beaston, wife of Andrew Beaston, of Chesapeake City, Md., died Saturday morning after a lingering illness. She is survived by a husband and three children: Mrs. Nellie B. Reed, Miss Julia Beaston and Mr. Ward Beaston. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from her late residence; interment at Bethel Cemetery.

MRS. WALLACE DuHAMELL

Mrs. Lillian Anthony, wife of Wallace DuHamell, of Earleville, Md., died on Tuesday of last week after a short illness, aged nineteen years. Funeral services were held at her late residence on Friday afternoon, the Rev. W. A. Coale officiating; interment in St. Pauls Cemetery. The pall bearers were: Veazy Taylor, Jay Matthews, Ernest Price, Rothmell Price, Samuel Loller and Jack Husfelt.

MRS. HANNAH CRAIG

Mrs. Hannah Craig, wife of Thomas Craig, of Earleville, Md., passed away after a lingering illness from tuberculosis, at the home of her parents, last Saturday afternoon. Funeral services were held in St. Pauls M. E. Church on Monday afternoon, the Rev. O. E. Jones officiating; interment in the adjoining cemetery. The pall bearers were: George Benson, Thomas Dickerson, Frank Hessey, William Husfelt, Isaac Husfelt and J. C. Rowan.

MRS. HARRY GRIFFIN

Mrs. Sallie Griffin, wife of Harry Griffin of Chesapeake City, Md., died in Philadelphia last Friday from cancer. Her remains were taken to her late home Saturday. Funeral services were held Monday, with interment at Bethel Cemetery.

CHILD'S MAD ACT

Ten-year-old Sallie Salmon, of Townsend, attempted suicide by cutting her throat three times Tuesday because her mother had chastised her for disobeying her commands.

When the child had been driven almost to desperation by the pain of the wounds she started away from the house and ran to Green Spring, four miles away, before she dropped to the ground exhausted.

The child is a Moor, but recently decided to enter the white schools where white children go. She was denied the privilege and was sent to the Cheswold school for colored children. It is said that since that time she was unruly and insisted on staying at home, and often ran away from the school.

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TUG SUNK IN DELAWARE BAY

The Norwegian Steamship Juan Cuts in Two Big Tug

The Norwegian steamship Juan, with a cargo of fruit for Philadelphia, cut in two the big ocean going tug Swatara, about 3.30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, nearly off Bombay Hook, and caused the latter to sink within a few minutes after the bow of the Juan had backed from the tug. The tug Lykens which was nearby, cast off her tow of barges and at once went to the relief of the men of the other tug, and rescued them.

Although Chief Engineer John Tilley was injured in the collision, he heroically rescued Elton Williams, of Selbyville, this State, who was the assistant engineer of the Swatara. Both men were taken to Philadelphia on the tug Carlisle and sent to the Mount Sinai Hospital.

Williams was struck on the head by the grating and it is feared his injuries may prove fatal.

Tilley, although partially stunned, picked up his wounded companion and made his way up a ladder to find the boat deserted and the tug fast settling. He seized a piece of board and holding onto his inert assistant engineer, jumped overboard, and was later hauled on board the Lykens and then transferred to the Carlisle.

The men who were uninjured were taken to New Castle and afterward boarded a car for Wilmington and proceeded thence to Philadelphia.

The men would not talk of the matter other than to say that the affair was a misunderstanding of signals.

The wreck of the Swatara lies to the westward of the main channel below Duck Creek, with Duck Creek light bearing west-by-north. Part of the pilot house is visible above the water.

The Juan arrived in Philadelphia Wednesday in a badly damaged condition, Captain Larsen, master of the vessel, refused to discuss the cause of the collision.

The Swatara is only a tug in name, being longer than the Juan. She was built by the Neafie & Levy Ship and Engine Building Co., for the Reading Co. in 1899. She is a steel craft, 157 feet long, 29 feet bean, and 18 feet depth of hold, and cost $120,000. The Juan is a Norwegian vessel owned principally in Bergen, and is under time charter to the United States Fruit Co.

TRUSTEES AWARD CONTRACTS

Much Business Transacted at Quarterly Meeting at Farnhurst

The quarterly meeting of the Trustees of the Poor was held at Farnhurst Wednesday. Superintendent Foster reported for the last quarter, as follows:

Admissions during the quarter, 95; discharges, 134; died, 19; births, 3. The population on June 30th, 166 whites, 34 colored. This is the largest population for June since 1901.

The following deaths occurred during the month: May 29th, William Potter, aged 80 years; June 8th, Esther Ambrose, colored, aged 23; June 23d, David Pickle, aged 73; June 24th, William H. Jones, colored, aged 40 years, all of Wilmington.

The reports of the trustees showed outside relief for the quarter as follows:

Brandywine hundred, $47.65.
Wilmington, northeast, $407.50; northwest, $61.50; southeast, $258.85; southwest, $526.
Christiana hundred, $28.
New Castle hundred, $266.47.
White Clay Creek hundred, $31 40.
Red Lion hundred, $156.95.
St. Georges hundred, $400.26.
Pencader hundred, $75.52.
Appoquinimink hundred, $121.44.
Blackbird hundred, $65.25.
Total outside relief, $2,446 79.
The general allowances were as follows: $4,645.23. Grand total, $7,092.12.

Contracts for furnishing supplies for the ensuing quarter were awarded as follows:

Bread—A. H. Angerstein.
Dry Goods—A.E.Goudes of New Castle.
Groceries—S. J. Dennison.
Butter—Odessa Creamery.
Shoes—M. J. Dougherty.
Beef—Wray F. Bacon of New Castle.
Coal—Charles Warner Company.
Drugs—Oscar C. Draper.

President Dayett and Commissioner Perkins of the Levy Court, attended the meeting. It was the first time that the latter had ever been at the institution, and he expressed himself as being much pleased with the manner in which it was kept.

ROAD BIDS ASKED FOR

The Levy Court of New Castle County at a meeting Tuesday passed the following: Resolved, That the Highway Commissioner be and is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for building the following roads: Grubb's Landing road; Road from Blue Ball on the Concord turnpike to Rockland; Road from Rockland to Adams' Cross Road; River or Hamburg road; Baltimore turnpike from Cooch's Bridge to White Clay Creek Hundred line and a road extending southerly therefrom to Dayett's Mills; Depot road from end of NewStone road to and through Glascow; Baltimore turnpike southerly from Christiana village, a distance of one and one-half miles; Road from St. Anne's towards Blackbird. The roads will be built out of the special fund of $300,000 created by act of the last Legislature and specifying the roads to be built.

SCHOOL MUST DISPLAY FLAGS

Because of the laxity on the part of some of the Sussex school districts in complying with the request of the Jr. O. U. A. M. in displaying the stars and stripes from the school building when the flags are presented to them by that organization, the Sussex County School Commission has sent notices to the different schools to the effect that the American flag must fly from the school grounds in order for them to receive the appropriation made by the state. For years it has been the custom of the Junior Mechanics of the county to present the schools with flags, and in many cases they have never been hoisted from the school buildings. A failure to do this on the part of the teachers has led to the issuing of the notices.

Ask Bids for New Roads for County

Francis A. Price, State Highway Commissioner, has advertised for bids for the construction of the roads in New Castle county, which the Levy Court on Tuesday selected for improvemnt. They are to have a finished surface of macadam, amisite, tar or asphaltic macadam. Proposals will be received by the highway commissioner at his office, Market street, Wilmington, until 12 o'clock, noon, on July 20th.

THEIR VERDICT A COMPROMISE

Jury at the Inquest Declares That Eastman Killed Edith May Woodill

ST. MICHAELS, MD., June 29th.—With the adjournment of the juries of inquest and their verdict being in a nature of a compromise, as to the direct guilt of Robert Emmett Eastman for the murder of Edith May Thompson Woodill, it is now believed that the authorities have done every thing in their power to solve the mystery, but without much success, and the interest is now simmering out.

Detective Pohler, after having been here twenty-four hours, and after giving the case much attention, left for Baltimore to-day. He expressed the opinion that Eastman alone was guilty of the crime but that it was not at all likely that any explanation of the motives would ever be made.

"With Eastman's lips sealed," said the detective, "there is no one to tell anything. The crime will always be a mystery. It is but charitable to endeavor to shield the woman as far as possible and to believe that the man lured her to her death, but why and for what will never be revealed."

The verdict of the jury which was in the shape of a compromise reads:

"That on June 20th, E. E. Roberts, alias R. E. Eastman, did voluntarily and feloniously beat and wound the said Edith May Woodill in the forehead and face, and she then and there instantly died, and the said E. E. Roberts, alias Robert E. Eastman, then and there feloniously killed or was accessory to the crime of the said Edith May Woodill."

In all the testimony that was heard, little that has not before been contained in United Press dispatches, was brought out. The facts concerning the place of the murder in the bungelow, remain unaltered but at the same time a bit more of evidence to show that Eastman and the woman were not alone were produced. There have been any number of wild stories. One of these was that Eastman told a certain man all about the murder without mentioning any names and declaring that it was good material for a magazine story.

Another story was that Eastman conducted a death farm and that the victims were buried on the farm.

These stories helped to keep up the excitement until to-day, when the people have awakened to the fact that the authorities have done everything in their power to ascertain whether Eastman alone was guilty or whether there were any other parties implicated and have been unable to fathom the mystery.

WARWICK

Mr. Daniel Wilson spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. J. L. Lattomus is visiting her parents at Smyrna.

Mr. Clarence Lipscomb was the guest of his parents on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Johns spent Sunday with relatives near Galena.

Mr. Victor Smith is spending this week with relatives and friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Howitt have been visiting his aunt, Mrs. M. Russum.

Mrs. U. P. Ginn and sons were the guests of her mother on Friday last.

Mrs. M. A. Lofland visited her brother, Mr. James Vinyard part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Manlove spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snyder.

Preaching services at the M. P. Church to-morrow, (Sunday), morning at 10.30 o'clock.

Miss Josephine Aiken has returned home, after an extended visit with her grandmother.

The Christian Endeavor social held at the home of Miss S. Ethel Vinyard on Friday evening was well attended.

Quite a number from here attended the surprise party and dance given at the home of Miss Alice Smith on Thursday evening.

CECILTON

Miss Ada Davis is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Dr. R. M. Black was a Wilmington visitor last Saturday.

Miss Mary Etherington spent Sunday with Miss Mary Blackway.

Mrs. J. Hessie, of near Chestertown, have been visiting Mrs. H. Boulden.

Miss Alverta Ferguson spent a few days with her aunt, Mrs. George Beaston.

Rev. O. E. Jones and wife entertained the Aid Society last Thursday evening.

Misses Hildred and Agnes Ostrom are the guests of relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. William Smith and children, of Cleveland, Ohio, have been visiting here.

Mr. James Budd, of Wayne, Pa., spent a few days this week with friends near town.

Mrs. A. Coppage and Miss Bertha Coppage, of near Warwick, have been the guest of Mrs. John Coppage.

William Anderson, of St. Johns College, Annapolis, is spending the summer vacation with his mother, Mrs. A. Anderson.

Misses Mollie, Lelia and Arrie McCoy are attending the Maryland Teachers' Association at Mountain Lake Park, this week.

Miss Lillie Short, of Philadelphia Business College, is spending the summer with her parents, Mr. E. S. Short and wife.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. B. FOARD.

Wheat—No. 1	$1.40	Corn—	
No. 2		Yellow, shelled	75
Timothy Seed	$2.50	" cob	75
Clover Seed	.11½	Oats	70

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE.

Eggs, per doz.	20@22
Country Butter, per lb.	25@30
Creamery Butter, per lb.	33
Lard, per lb.	12@15
Live Chickens, per lb.	12@14
Potatoes	65

NOTICE—DIVIDEND

THE PEOPLES' NATIONAL BANK, OF MIDDLETOWN,
Middletown, Del., June 27th, 1909.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT., for the last six months, payable on and after July 1st.

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NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS
—OF—
St. Georges Hundred!

The taxable residents of St. Georges Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1909 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at
MASSEY'S HOTEL, IN ODESSA,
WEDNESDAY, JULY 21st, 1909
From 1 to 4 P. M.
AT HENRY CLEAVER'S STORE, IN PORT PENN,
WEDNESDAY, JULY 28th, 1909
From 1 P. M. to 4 P. M.
and at my residence, North Broad street, Middletown, Del., every Saturday, afternoon from 1 P. M., to 4 P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SECTION 3, CHAPTER 30, VOLUME 21, LAWS OF DELAWARE, AS AMENDED:

Section 3—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January five per centum thereof shall be added thereto.

JOHN W. DENNY,
Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS
—OF—
Blackbird Hundred!

The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1909 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be
AT BLACKBIRD, WATSON'S STORE
JULY 24th, 1909.
From 1 to 3 P. M.
AT FLEMING'S LANDING,
JULY 26th, 1909,
From 1 to 3 P. M.
AT DELANEY'S,
(DAVIS' STORE)
JULY 30th, 1909,
From 1 to 3 P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

JOHN BEITH,
Collector of Taxes for BlackbirdHundred

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS
—OF—
APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED!

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1909 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be
AT THE OFFICE OF GEORGE M. D. HAET,
IN TOWNSEND, DEL.,
SATURDAYS,
JULY 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1909.
From 1 to 5 o'clock, P. M.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY:

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

An abatement of 5 per centum will be allowed on all taxes paid during the month of August.

WILLIAM C. MONEY,
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Thin Vests, 50c to $1.
Duck Trousers, $1 to $2.50.
Khaki Trousers, $1 to $2.50.
Thin Trousers, $1 to $6.
Auto Trousers, $1.50 to $5.
Boys' Wash Suits, 50c to $5.
Boys' Wash Trousers, 25c to $1
Thin Underwear, 25c to $3.
Negligee Shirts, 50c to $3.50.
Straw Hats, 50c to $5.
Summer Caps, 25c to $1.50.
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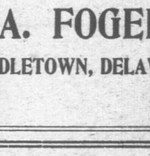

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The Homesickness of Silas Mace

BY F. E. C. ROBBINS

When Silas Mace left the store at 6 o'clock he said to himself that he wished he might never see the inside of the place again. It had all been so different from what he had expected. He had entered the employ of Freeman & Co., wholesale merchants and importers, with strong hopes of rapid advancement; for in his preparation for business he had had advantages that do not often come in the way of a country boy.

He had, of course, learned all that was to be learned in the village school, but besides that, Mr. Graham, a neighbor who had retired to a farm from business life in the city, had taught him bookkeeping; and the minister, who was a man of quite remarkable learning, had given him lessons in French and German, and even in Spanish.

It was on the strength of these attainments, presumably, that Mr. Graham had secured for Silas the place in the city with Freeman & Co., and Mr. Eccles, the minister, had written of them at length in his letter of recommendation. But now, after the lapse of three long months, he could not see that he was anything more than a mere office boy about the establishment, and he was still drawing his original salary of five dollars a week.

Mr. Freeman, the head of the firm, had apparently never noticed him until that morning, and then only to send him out on an errand and upbraid him sharply for being so long about it. Evidently there was no future for him with Freeman & Co.

But that was not all. This city life did not agree with him. He could not eat the meals that were set before him and he did not sleep any too well; and then he kept having those strange sinking sensations, especially when he thought of home—which was pretty often.

The street was full of people, chatting and laughing on their homeward way; but Silas, wrapped in his unhappy thoughts, walked along scarcely conscious of the sights and sounds about him. Suddenly an odor, wafted to him on the evening breeze, did, attract his attention, but only to fill him with a great longing. It was the smell of frying doughnuts from a near by eating house.

It was not that Silas desired those particular doughnuts, nor was it merely those that his mother used to make, that now brought the tears to his eyes.

But a picture had risen before him of a low-posted kitchen in an old farm house, with his mother at the breadboard, rolling and cutting the sweetened dough, and his father sitting on the wood-box, and the boy standing by, watching with fond anticipation the twisted cakes browning and sizzling in the kettle on the stove. A man carrying a valise brushed past him, hurrying toward the railroad station.

He's going to take the six-fifteen train east, thought Silas. All at once his head seemed to be swimming and his knees trembled. Now I know I'm going to be sick, he thought, and the best thing for me is to start for home.

Acting on this decision, he quickly overtook and passed the man with the valise; and when, five minutes later, the east-bound train pulled out from the station, Silas was on board, with a ticket for Woodville in his hand.

His ticket had cost him nearly half of his available funds, but his board-bill was paid a week in advance, in accordance with the rules of the house. He would write to his roommate to send his trunk by express to Woodville. He would also write to Freeman & Co., explaining his absence. There was, of course, a half-week's salary due him, but never mind that. He was sure of one thing—he would never go back.

His health seemed to improve and his spirits rose as the train sped along, but whem he finally reached Woodville he made his exit, quite inconspicuously, from the end of the rear car. There might be people on the platform whom he would not care to meet.

Avoiding the main street, he was soon on a well-known road leading out of the village and a brisk walk of fifteen minutes brought him home.

There was no light streaming from the window to greet him, and as he turned into the yard the old house seemed to loom up forbiddingly, as if frowning on his unexpected return.

Oh, it's Wednesday night, he remembered. The family have gone to meeting.

But he knew of a back window that had proved accommodating in the past, and he was soon within the kitchen, where he lighted the kerosene-lamp that he had felt for on the table. Then he passed on into the little sitting-room.

Lamp in hand, he walked about all the well-remembered objects that absence had endeared to him. Everything was just as it had been on that eventful morning when he had gone forth to seek his fortune. Oh, no, here was one change. On the mantelpiece, below the familiar sentence, God Bless Our Home, there stood, in a smart little frame of gilt that he had never seen before, his own picture, taken at the time of his graduation from the village school. And examining it closely, he found written under it, in his mother's unsteady hand, the simple prayer, God bless our boy in the city.

He was touched by this evidence of love and pride but he did not feel quite comfortable as he looked at it. I guess that might as well be put out of sight now, he reflected.

On the table lay an old book which his father was found of poring over, but which Silas had hardly ever looked into. It was originally an account-book, but it had served the elder Silas Mace as a diary when he was a soldier in the Union army.

The boy picked it up now. It was written for the most part in leadpencil, and some of it was hardly legible. It told briefly of marches and battles and the happenings of camp life, with sometimes long intervals between the dates.

It all seemed far away and unreal to Silas. He was about to lay the book upon the table when a word or two in one of the entries caught his eye and he read it through:

March 25. To-day is my birthday. Eighteen years old and a good ways from home. There is nothing much to write about except two of the boys from Company A deserted last night. I'm sorry for them whether they get caught or not. I would full as lieve be shot as be ashamed all my life.

Silas felt his cheeks burn as he shut the book. Eighteen years old! Just a boy! He could not remember that he had ever imagined his father before as other than worn and bent and gray. Then like a flash his father's parting words came to him:

It almost seems, son, as if you were starting off to war, same as I did forty years ago. It's pretty hard for mother and me, but we want you to go. It is for the best and we are going to bear it cheerfully and look ahead. I know that you will be a good boy and stick to your work and I expect that we are going to be mighty proud of you one of these days.

And now he had given up the battle and had come skulking home—a deserter! Not much to be proud of in that. He knew that he should hear no word of blame. But he had already received his rebuke from that boy of long ago, writing in a dreary tent so far from home and friends.

Yes, I am ashamed, he exclaimed, and I shall be unless—

The night express would go through at about ten o'clock. It would not stop at Woodville, but it would at Bloomfield, seven miles below. Instantly his resolution was taken; and after carefully looking around to see that he was leaving no traces of his presence, he blew out the light, and jumping from the back window, started on his tramp to Bloomfield.

The road was rough from recent rains and the night was dark. But although Silas felt his feet growing heavy beneath him as he plodded along, his heart, strangely enough, was lighter than it had been for many a day.

He recalled the story that his father liked to tell of General Sheridan's turning the tide of retreat by the ringing call, Come on, boys! We're going back Well, he had been on a retreat himself, but he was going back now.

And I am going to see it through! he declared aloud. What is more, I'm going to like my job. I'll promote myself to-morrow. I'll earn fifteen dollars a week, even if I get only five.

He reached the station with barely time to buy his ticket and scramble aboard the moving train. The car that he entered was well filled with passengers, but some one near the farther end beckoned an invitation to share his seat. Silas was glad enough to accept, and he was soon sitting beside a substantial-looking elderly man, who proved to be a very sociable traveling companion.

It developed that the man's name was Runnells — Captain Runnells, they call me at home, he said—that he had a large general store at Greenhill, and was now on one of his occasional trips to the city for the purpose of "stocking up."

Naturally enough, too, Silas in his turn mentioned his own name and occupation. The name at once caught the captain's attention.

Silas Mace, did you say? Why, I know a Silas Mace! Served two years with me in the war—Company B, Fourteenth Regiment. Wonder if you're his son? Thought so. Your face looked kind of familiar to me at first. Well, let me tell you, your father was one of the best soldiers I ever saw—one of the kind that never shirked and never whined. I don't see him very often nowadays. Kind of feeble, isn't he? Well, you look rugged enough and if you've got his grit you ought to succeed. Let's see—what concern did you say you were with?

Freeman & Co., answered Silas Perhaps you buy there.

Well, no, I never have. Fact is, he added, half apologetically, you have the reputation of being a little mite high.

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And Silas, hearing this, felt a taste of the peculiar kind of joy known only to the business man who has just made a successful stroke.

As Silas, after parting with his friend at the station that night, walked along the almost deserted street toward his boarding-place, he whistled a gay little tune. He even went out of his way somewhat to pass by the store. It was still standing, just as he had left it. He did not hate it any more; he hoped to introduce a cash customer there in the morning.

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